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SUBJ: NEWSPAPER REPORTS THAT CRAXI HAS CANCELLED VISIT TO US

REF: A. STATE 83706; B. ROME 6559

1. AN ARTICLE PUBLISHED ON JULY 6 IN LEFTIST ROME DAILY
LA REPUBBLICA STATES THAT PSI SECRETARY BETTINO CRAXI CANCELLED
HIS TRIP TO THE UNITED STATES A LITTLE OVER A MONTH AGO.
THE ARTICLE STATES THAT CRAXI, LIKE FRRNCH SOCIALIST LEADER
FRANCOIS MITTERAND, MADE THE DECISION TO CANCEL HIS VISIT
TO WASHINGTON AFTER HE WAS INFORMED THAT PRESIDENT CARTER
WOULD BE UNABLE TO MEET WITH HIM. THE ARTICLE SAYS THAT
"SOCIALIST LEADERS" CHARACTERIZED THE PRESIDENT'S DECISION
NOT TO MEET WITH THE SOCIALIST CHIEFS AS "MYOPIC, AND IN ANY
CASE NOT CONSISTENT WITH THE OPENING TO EUROPE PREVIOUSLY
ANNOUNCED BY THE NEW ADMINISTRATION". LEFTWING PSI LEADER
RICCARDO LOMBARDI IS QUOTED AS HAVING CALLED THE DECISION
"COUNTERPRODUCTIVE" AND ADDED THAT LOGICALLY THE PRESIDENT
SHOULD ALSO REFUSE TO SEE GERMAN CHRISTIAN DEMOCRAT HELMUT
KOHL AND BRITISH CONSERVATIVE LEADER MARGARET THATCHER.
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/LA REPUBBLICA/ ADDS THAT "IN ROME" THE PRESIDENT'S DECISION
NOT TO SEE METTERAND IS INTERPRETED AS "A CLEAR GESTURE OF
COURTESY TOWARD GISCARD D'ESTAING" MOTIVATED BY WASHINGTON'S
DESIRE TO "RETURN THE FAVOR" WHICH THE FRENCH PRESIDENT DID
FOR THE UNITED STATED BY COMING TO THE AID OF ZAIRE'S PRESIDENT
MOBUTU DURING THE RECENT CONFLICT IN SHABA PROVINCE.

2. THE PSI OFFERED NO OFFICIAL COMMENT ON THE /LA REPUBBLICA/ ARTICLE. HOWEVER, THE JULY 7 ISSUE OF /AVANTI*/, THE PSI PARTY DAILY, CARRIED A SHORT ARTICLE WHICH STATED THAT THE MITTERAND VISIT HAS NOT BEEN CANCELLED ALTHOUGH "PROBLEMS HAVE ARISEN IN FIXING A DATE". THE ARTICLE MADE NO MENTION OF THE CRAXI VISIT.

3. COMMENT: CRAXI HAS MADE NO EFFORT TO CONTACT THE EMBASSY REGARDING HIS PLANS TO TRAVEL TO THE US SINCE LATE IN APRIL. FOR THE PRESENT, THE EMBASSY DOES NOT PLAN TO RAISE THE MATTER WITH CRAXI.GARDNER

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